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FEBRUARY 22, 1837.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

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Mr. RUSSELL, from the Committee of Claims, reported the following bill :

**A BILL**

• For the relief of Joseph Ratcliff.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay to  
4   Joseph Ratcliff the sum of one thousand and eighty dollars, out  
5   of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full  
6   satisfaction for a raft of timber delivered at the navy yard in the  
7   District of Columbia, by Captain John Neale, on or about the  
8   twentieth of August, eighteen hundred and fourteen, and which  
9   is supposed to have been lost by the conflagration of the yard,  
10   on the twenty-fourth of August, in that year; said timber hav-  
11   ing been delivered at said yard, under a contract with Captain  
12   William Doughty, the constructor for said yard.